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1. THERE ARE ABOUT 125 CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED BI-
LATERAL SECURITY AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE
U.S. AND GREECE IN VARIOUS FORMS. OF THESE 41 PERTAIN IN
SOME MANNER TO US FORCES USE OF GREEK FACILITIES AND THE
STATUS OF US FORCES IN GREECE, AND PRESUMABLY FALL WITHIN
THE AMBIT OF THE GREEK FORMULATION OF ART XVII. OF THESE

ABOUT 15 WOULD BE SUPERSEDED BY THE DCA WHEREAS 26 SHOULD SURVIVE. THE DETERMINATION IN EACH CASE, HOWEVER, WOULD REQUIRE AGREEMENT WITH THE GREEKS.

2. WE STILL PREFER A SIMPLE FORMULATION OF ARTICLE XVII TO THE EFFECT THAT PROVISIONS OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE DCA ARE TERMINATED. THIS WOULD PRECLUDE A TIME-CONSUMING JOINT REVIEW OF EVERY DOCUMENT AND AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF OVERLOOKING AN OBSCURE BUT STILL EFFECTIVE AGREEMENT. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, WE WOULD PREFER LISTING ONLY THOSE AGREEMENTS WHICH WE CAN AGREE ARE SUPERSEDED BY THE DCA. THIS WOULD STILL REQUIRE A

JOINT REVIEW BUT WOULD PREVENT THE INADVERTENT TERMINATION OF AN OBSCURE AGREEMENT WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE SUPERSEDED BY THE DCA. YOU SHOULD DIRECT YOUR INITIAL EFFORTS TOWARD ACHIEVING GREEK ACCEPTANCE OF ONE OF THESE POSITIONS.

3. THE GREEKS WANT TO LIST THOSE AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE STATUS OF U.S. FORCES IN GREECE AND THEIR USE OF GREEK FACILITIES WHICH WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT AFTER THE DCA ENTERS INTO FORCE TO AVOID THE IMPLICATION THAT OTHER SECRET AGREEMENTS ARE IN EFFECT. IF THE GREEKS REMAIN ADAMANT, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THAT BOTH SUPERSEDED AND SURVIVING AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS BE LISTED. UNDER THIS FORMULA, ANY AGREEMENT NOT APPEARING ON EITHER LIST COULD BE SUBJECT TO LATER REVIEW. HOWEVER, IF THE GREEKS REMAIN INTRANSIGENT ON THIS ISSUE, YOU MAY ACCEPT THEIR FORMULATION. IN ANY EVENT, ANY FORMULATION WHICH LISTS CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREEMENTS THAT SURVIVE THE DCA MUST ALSO PROVIDE THAT IN THE CASE OF INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THE DCA AND A SURVIVING AGREEMENT, THE DCA SHALL BE CONTROLLING.

4. YOU MAY ALSO AGREE WITH THE GREEK REQUEST TO SPECIFY IN THE DCA THOSE SURVIVING AGREEMENTS THAT THE USG AND GOG WILL REVIEW AFTER THE DCA COMES INTO FORCE. BEGIN FYI. SUCH A PROVISION WOULD NOT BE OBJECTIONABLE TO US BECAUSE (A) EVEN WITHOUT IT, THE GREEKS COULD ALWAYS ASK FOR SUCH A REVIEW AND (B) IT IN NO WAY COMMITS US TO AGREE TO ANY CHANGES IN THE AGREEMENT WHICH MIGHT COME UNDER REVIEW.

5. SEPTTEL CONTAINS A LIST OF AGREEMENTS WHICH WE BELIEVE SHOULD SURVIVE OR BE SUPERSEDED BY THE DCA. YOU SHOULD USE THIS VOLUMINOUS LIST IN AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE THE GREEKS THAT ANY LIST SHOULD BE AN ATTACHMENT TO THE DCA RATHER THAN AN INTEGRAL PART OF ARTICLE XVII. ONCE THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED AND IF IT APPEARS THEY WANT A PROLONGED

JOINT REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHICH AGREEMENTS WILL BE CAN-
CELED AND WHICH WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT, YOU SHOULD TRY TO
CONVINCE THE GREEKS TO DEFER THIS PROCESS UNTIL AFTER THE
DCA IS CONCLUDED.
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